

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 356
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate the owners and employees of
J & S Construction Company of Cookeville on
the celebration of the company's 40th
anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee should
pause to pay tribute to those noteworthy businesses that, through their prodigious service have
contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of this state and its local economies; and

WHEREAS, J & S Construction Company in Cookeville is most assuredly one such
extraordinary business entity deserving of praise and commendation; and

WHEREAS, founded by Mr. John Stites in 1957, the J & S Construction Company
quickly established itself as the preeminent construction company in the Upper Cumberland
area, focusing on such residential projects as additions, remodeling and concrete work; and

WHEREAS, utilizing the experience handed down to him by his father, Pat, who began a
small sand and gravel company in the 1930s and eventually opened the first concrete block
plant in the area, John Stites evidenced an attention to detail and superior work ethic that
enabled J & S to rapidly expand from a company of only five employees to its present-day
status; and

WHEREAS, now managed by Mr. John Stites's sons, Johnny and Jack, the company
has diversified into the commercial and industrial sectors and now employs over 125 workers;
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WHEREAS, since the Company's inception forty years ago, the Stiteses have continually explored ways to meet the demands of an ever-changing industry, as evidenced by their implementation of the design/build construction process, a more cost-effective building method than the low-bid process, and their utilization of pre-engineered buildings, which provide a less expensive commercial and industrial building alternative for the company's clients; and

WHEREAS, this multifaceted company has a vast array of resources at its disposal, including skilled craftsmen, astute project management and state-of-the-art data processing, to ensure the expeditious completion of the most complex construction projects; and

WHEREAS, J & S Construction also possesses peerless engineering and drafting capabilities to allow for design/build projects and fast-track construction; and

WHEREAS, J & S remains an innovative leader in the construction field by means of its exemplary employee dedication, stalwart commitment to incentive and training programs, and expert project management; and

WHEREAS, the laudable record of proficient service of J & S Construction to the good citizens of Cookeville and the Upper Cumberland has not gone unnoticed, as it was one of the first businesses in the Cookeville area and one of only five contractors in the state to receive the Tennessee Quality Award; the company is also a recipient of the Inc/MCI Positive Performer Award, given in recognition of the company's peerless customer service record; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the members of this legislative body should commend those Tennessee businesses whose sterling service to this state inures to the benefit of and is a source of pride for all Tennesseans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby pause to honor and congratulate the Stites family and everyone associated with the J & S Construction Company as they celebrate the company's 40th anniversary, extending to them our best wishes for what is certain to be another 40 years of outstanding success in the construction industry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.